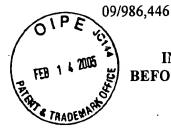
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Sir:

In order to place the above-identified patent application in better condition for appeal, it is requested that the following Amendments be made to the claims.